The Dying Speeches of ſeveral Indians.

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Dying Speeches & Counſels

Of ſuch *Indians* as dyed in the Lord.

It is an humbling to me that there be no more, it was not in my heart to gather them, but Major *Gookins* hearing ſome of them rehearſed, He firſt moved that *Daniel* ſhould gather them, in the Language as they were ſpoken, and that I ſhould tranſlate them into Engliſh; And here is preſented what was done that way.

Theſe things are Pined, not ſo much for Publiſhment, as to ſave charge of writeing out of Copyes for thoſe that did deſiere them.

John Eliot.

Waban.

WAban was the first that received the Gospel, our first meeting was at his house; the next time we met, he had gathered a great Company of his friends to hear the Word, in the which he hath been stedfast: When we framed our selves in Order in way of Government, he was chosen a Ruler of fifty, he hath approved himselfe to be a good Christian in Church Order, and in Civil Order, he hath approved himselfe to be a Zealous, faithfull and stedfast Ruler to his death.

His speech as followeth,

I now rejoyce though I be now a dying, great is my affliction in this world, but I hope that God doth so afflict me, only to try my praying to God in this world whether it be true and strong or not, but I hope God doth gently call me to Repentance, and to prepare to come unto him; therefore He layeth on me great pain and affliction, though my body be almost broken by sickness, yet I desire to *remember thy name* Oh my God, untill I dy I remember those words *Job* 19. 23, to 28. *Oh that my words were now written, oh that they were printed in a book, that they were graven with an iron pen and lead in a rock for ever. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin, wormes destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God.* &c.

I desire not to be troubled about matters of this world, a little I am troubled, I desire you all my brethren

and you also my children, do not greatly weep and mourn for me in this world, I am now allmost dying, but see that you do strongly pray to God, and doe you also prepare and make ready to dy, for every one of you must come to dying: Therefore confess your sinns, every one of you, and beleive in Jesus Christ, I beleive that which is written in the Book of God. Consider truly, and repent and beleive; Then God will pardon all your great and many sins.

God can pardon all your sins as easyly as one, for Gods free mercy, and glory doe fill all the world. God will in no wise forget those that in this world doe syncerely repent and beleive: Veryly this is love Oh my God.

Therfore I desire that God will doe this for me, though in my body I am full of paine: As for those that dyed afore we prayed to God, I have no hope about them, now I beleive that God hath called us for Heaven: and there in Heaven are many beleivers soules abiding. Therefore I pray you doe not overmuch greive for me, when I dy in this world, but make ready your selves ready to dy, and follow me, and there we shall see each other in Eternal glory; in this world we live but a little while; therfore we must be allwayes preparing, that we may be ready to dy.

Therfore Oh my God, I humbly pray, receive my Soul by thy free mercy in Jesus Christ my Seaviour and Redeemer, for Christ hath dyed for me and for all my sins in this world commited.

My great God hath given me long life, and therfore I now am willing to dy.

Oh Jesus Christ help my soul and save me soul, I beleive that my sickness doth not arise out of the dust, nor cometh at peradventure but God sendeth it. Job. 5,6,7.

By this sickness God calleth me to repent of all my sins, and to beliye in Christ, now I confesse my selfe a great sinner, Oh pardon me and helpe me for Christ his sake.

Lord thou calleſt me with a double calling sometimes by Prosperity and mercy, somtimes by affliction. And now thou calleſt me by sickness, but let me not forget thee Oh my God. For those that forget thy Name, thou wilt forsake them, As *Psalm.* 9.17. *All that forget God shall be cast to Hell*, therfore let not me forget thee Oh my God.

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I give my soul to thee Oh my Redeemer Jesus Christ: Pardon all my sins & deliver me from Hell: Oh doe thou help me against death, and then I am willing to dy: and when I dy Oh helpe me and receive me.

in so saying he dyed.

Piambohou,

HE was the Second man next Waban, *that received the* Gospel, *he brought with him to the second meeting at* Wabans house *many, when we formed them into* Government, *he was chosen Ruler of ten, when the Church at* Hassenamessit *was gathered, he was called to be a Ruler then in that Church, when that was scattered by the warr, they came back to* Natick *Church, so many as survived, and at Natick he dyed.*

His speech as followeth,

I rejoyce and am content and willing to take up my sorrows and sickneſse: many are the years of my life: long have I lived, therfore now I look to dy. But I desire to prepare my self to dy well. I beleive Gods promise, that he will forever save all that belive in Jesus Christ. Oh Lord Jesus helpe me, deliver me and save my soul from Hell, by thine own bloud, which thou hast shed for me,

when thou dideſt dy for me, and for all my ſius: Now helpe me ſyncerely to confeſſ: all my ſins, Oh pardon all my ſins: I now beg in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, a pardon for all my ſins: for thou Oh Chriſt, art my Redeemer and deliverer, Now I hear Gods word and I doe rejoyce in what I hear, thō I doe not ſee, yet I hear and rejoyce that God hath confirmed for us a miniſter in this Church of *Natek*, he is our watchman. And all you people deal well with him, both *men*, *women* and *children*, hear him every *Sabbath* day, and make ſtrong your praying to God, and all you of *Haſſaunemeſut*, reſtore your Church and praying to God there.

Oh Lord helpe me to make ready to dy, and then recieve my ſoul, I hope I ſhall dy well by the help of Jeſus Chriſt: Oh Jeſus Chriſt deliever and ſave my ſoul in everlaſting life in heaven, for I doe hope thou art my Saviour. Oh Jeſus Chriſt.

ſo he dyed.

Old Jacob,

HE *was among the firſt that Prayed to* God, *he had ſo good a* memory, *that he could reherſe the whole* Catechize, *both Queſtions and Anſwers, when he gave thanks at meat, he would ſometimes only pray the* Lords Prayer.

His ſpeech as followeth,

MY Brethren: now hear me a few words, ſtand faſt all you people in your praying to God, according to that word of God 1 *Cor.* 16.13. *Watch ye, ſtand faſt in the faith, quit you like men and be ſtrong in the Lord.* Eſpecially you that are *Rulers* and *Teachers*: Fear not the face of man, when you judg in a Court together, help one another, agree together: Be not divided one againſt another, remember the parable of ten brethren that held together, thay could not be broken, nor overcome: but when thay divided one againſt another, then thay were eaſyly overcome: and all you that are Rulers, judg right judgment, *for you doe not judg for man, but for God in your Courts.* 2 *Chron.* 19.6,7. Therfore judg in the feir of God.

Again, You that are judges, ſee that ye have not only humane wiſdom, for mans wiſdom is in many things contrary to the wiſdom, of God, counting it to be fooliſhneſſe. Doe not judg that right, which only ſeemeth to be right, and conſider *Matt.*7.1,2. *Judg right, and God will be with you, when you ſo doe.*

Again I ſay to you all the people, make ſtrong your praying to God, and be conſtant in it. 1 *Theſ.* 5.17. *Pray continually.*

Again Laſtly I ſay to you *Daniel* our Miniſter be ſtrong in your work. As *Matt.*5.14.16. *You muſt bring Light into the world, and make it to ſhine, that all may ſee your good work, and glorify your heavenly Father.*

Every preacher that maketh ſtrong his work, doth bring precious perles: As *Matt.*13.52. *And thou ſhalt have everlaſting life in ſo doing.*

I am neer to Death, I have lived long enough, I am about 90 years old, I now deſire to dy, in the preſence of Chriſt. Oh Lord I commit my ſoul to thee.

Antony.

He was among the first that Prayed to God, he was studeous to read the Scriptures *and his* Catechise, *so that he learned to be a Teacher, but after the warrs, he became a lover of strong drink, was often admonished, and finally cast out from being a Teacher.*

His dying speeches follow,

I am a sinner, I dos now confesse it, I have long prayed to God, but it hath been like an *Hipocrite*: thô I was a confessing church-member, yet like an *Hipocrite*, thô I was a *Teacher* yet like a backsliding *Hipocrite*, I was often drunk, Love of strong drink is a lust I could not over come; thô the Church did often admonish me, and I confessed, and thay forgive me, yet I fell againe to the same sin, thô *Major Gookins* and Mr. *Eliot* often admonished me: I confessed, thay were willing to forgive me, yet I fell againe.

Now Death calls for me, and I desire to prepare to dy well, I say to you *Daniel*, beware that you, love not strong drink as I did, and was therby undone. Strengthen your Teaching in and by the word of God; take heed that you defile not your work, as I did, for I defiled my Teaching by Drunkennesse.

Againe I say to you my Children, forsake not praying to God, goe not to strange places, where thay pray not to God, but strongly pray to God as long as you live: both you and your Children.

Now I desire to dy well, thô I have been a sinner, I remember that word that saith, that thô your sins be many and great, yet God will pardon the penitent, by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. O Lord save me and diliver me

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by Jesus Christ, in whom I beleive: send thy Angels when I dy, to bring my poor soul to thee, and save my poor sinfull soul in thy heavenly Kingdom.

Nehemiah.

This very hopefull young man was going out to hunt, with a companion, who fell out with him, and stabbed him mortally, and killed him. A little was gathered up spoken by him, as followeth;

I am ready to dy now, but knew not of it even now when I went out of my dore; I was only going to hunt; but a wicked man hath killed me. I see that word is true; *He that is well to day, may be dead to morrow, He that laughed yester day, may sorrow to day.*

My misery overtook me in the woods. *No man knoweth the day and time, when his misery cometh.*

Now I desire patiently to take up my crosse and misery. I am but a man, and must feel the crosse. Oh Christ Jesus help me, thou art my Redeemer, my Saviour, and my deliverer: I confesse my selfe a sinner; Lord Jesus pardon all my sins, by thy own blood, when thou dyedst for us, O Christ Jesus save me from Hell: Save my soul in heaven, Oh help me, help me.

So he dyed, the wicked murderer is fled.

John Owussumug sen.

He was a young man when they began to pray to God, *he did not at the present joyn with them, he would say to me, I will first see into it, and when I understand it, I will answer you, he did after a while enter into the* Civil Covenant, *but was not entered into the* Church Covenant *before he dyed, he was propounded to joyn to the* Church, *but was delayed, he being of a quick passionat temper, some vitty littigations prolonged it, till his sickness, but had he recovered, the Church was satisfied to have received him he finished well.*

His speech as followeth,

NOw I must shortly dy: I desired that I might live, I sought for mediciens to cure me, I went to every English docter, at *Dadham*, *Medfeild*, *Concord*, but none could cure me, in this world.

But Oh Jesus Christ, doe thou heal my soul, now I am in great paine, I have no hope of living in this world a whole year I have been afflicted: I could not goe to the Publick Sabbath worship to hear Gods word; I did greatly love to goe to the Sabbath worship.

Therfore I now say to all you *men*, *women* and *children* love much, and greatly to keep the Sabbath, I have been, now long hindred from it, and therfore now I find the worth of it; I say unto you all, my sons & children, do not go into the woods among non praying people, abide constantly at *Natik*: You my children, and all my kindred, strongly pray to God:

Love

Love and Obey the Rulers, and submit unto their judgment, hear diligently your menisters: be obedient to *Major Gookins* and to *Mr. Eliot*. and *Daniel*.

I am now allmost dead, and I exhort you strongly to love each other, be at peace, and be ready to forgive each other.

I desire now rightly to prepare my self to dy, for God hath given me warning a whole year, by my sickneese, I confesse I am a sinner: my heart was proud, and therby all sins were in my heart, I knew that by birth I was a *Sachim*, I got *oxen*, and *cart*, and *plough* like an *English man*, and by all these things my heart was proud.

Now God calleth me to repentance, by my sickneese this whole year. Oh Christ Jesus help me, that according as I make my confession, So through thy grace I may obtaine a pardon of all my sins: for thou Lord Jesus dideſt dy for us, to deliver us from sin. I heare and belive, that thou hast dyed for many: Therefore I desire to cast away all worldly hindrances, my *Lands* and *Goods*, I cast them by, they cannot help me now, I desire truely to prepare to dy: My sons, I hope Christ will help me to dy well: Now I call you my sons, but in heaven we shall all be Brethren, this I learned in the *Sabbath worship*, all miserys in this world upon Belivers, shall have only joy and blessing in Jesus Christ: Therfore Oh Christ Jesus help me in all my miserys, and deliver me for I trust in thee, and save my soul in thy heavenly kingdom, now behold me and looke upon me who am dyiug.

So he dyed.

John Speen.

HE *was among the first that prayed to God, he was a diligent Reader, he became*

came a Teacher, *and carried well for diverse yeares, untill the Sin of strong drink did infect us, and then he was so farr infected with it, that he was observedly layd aside from Teaching,* His last speeches were as followeth,

NOw I dy, I desire you all my friends, forgive him that hurt me, for the word of God saith in *Matthew* 6. 3,4: *For give them that have done you wrong, and your heavenly Father will forgive you, but if you doe not forgive them, your heavenly Father will not forgive you,* Therefore I intreat you all my frinds, forgive him that did me wrong, (for *John Nanusquanit* beat him and hurt him much a little before his sicknes) now I desire to dy well, now I confess all my sins, I am a sinner, especially I loved strong drink too well, and Some times I was mad drunke, though I was a *Teacher*, I did offend against praying to God, and spoyled my *Teaching*; all these my sins and drunkness, Oh I pray you all forgive me, Oh Jesus Christ help me now and deliver my soule, and help me that I may not go to Hell, for thou O Christ art my deliverer and Saviour, Oh God help me, Lord though I am a sinner, Oh Lord do not forget me.

and so he dyed.

Black James.

HE *was in former times, reputed by the* English *to be a* Pawaw, *but I cannot tel, this*

this, I know he renounced and repented of all his former wayes, and desired to come to Christ, and pray to God, and died well, as appeares in what followeth.

NOw I Say, I almoſt dy, but you all my ſons, and all you that pray at *Chabanukongkomuk* take heed, that you leave not off to pray to God, for praying to God is exceeding good, for praying to God is the way that will bring you to the heaverly kingdom; I belive in Christ, and we muſt follow his Steps.

Eſpecially you my ſons, beware of drunkneſs, I deſire you may Sand faſt in my room, and Rule well, I almoſt now dead, and I deſire to dy well, Oh Lord Jeſus Christ help me, and deliver my Soul to dy well,

ſo he dyed.

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